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4. The following is a listing of the various departments of the Bundessekretariat, and the department heads where known:

a. International Relations Department:

The department chief was Luise Ernst. One of her five colleagues in this department was Lucie Lowag. This department is under the direct jurisdiction

on the organizing of women's delegations for trips abroad. Recommendations were discussed in the Sekretariat; however, the decision understandably rested with the Central Committee.

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b. Finance and Business Department

As of August 1954, this department had no chief.

c. Agitation Department

The department head was Marianne Scholz

There was a total of four political functionaries in the department.

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d. Labor and Health Affairs Department

This department was dissolved in 1953. Up to that time, the department head had been Erna Schaefer.

e. Training Department

The department head was Edith Liebig. Also working in this department was Friedel Bube. This department is responsible for the publishing of the functionaries' periodical Lernen und Handeln. In this connection, Gisela Glaeser acts as editor-in-chief.

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f. Cadre Department

No information available.

g. Department for All-Germany

The department head was Milli Boehlke

h. Organization Instructor Department

Department head was Erna Utschmann, Sector included; organization, instructors, information, organizational set-up, membership books, and statistics.

i. Press and Radio Department

1. In this department are employed three women whose duty it is to maintain liaison between the DFD and the press and radio. It is not however within the scope of this department's duties to direct the publication Frau von Heute or other direct press work of the organization. Control of the periodical of the DFD rests in the hands of the Agitation Department. Margot Reuter is the responsible secretary for this also.

k. Culture and Education Department

The department head was Erna Kran-Lierse.

1. Attached organizationally to the Bundessekretariat is the Sekretariat of the German Collective for the Protection of Children, headed by Liselotte Otting, LDP (Liberal-Demokratische Partei) member.

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5. Except for Erna Schaefer, Liselotte Otting, and Wilhelmine Schiremer-Proescher, who came to the Haus der Frau only once weekly (usually Monday) to attend the meeting of the Secretariat, all of the employees of the Bundessekretariat were members of the SED.

Personalities known to Source.

6. Ilse Thiele¹: Her husband, [redacted] to be employed as a cadre chief in [redacted] during the last years of the war, Ilse [redacted] moved to Berlin in 1946. She has two children.
7. Wilhelmine Schirmer-Proescher: LDP (Liberal-Demokratische Partei) member; native of Berlin; member of the Democratic Party up to 1933; lived in Berlin-Tempelhof until 1949; owner of a pharmacy (Drogerie). She lost both her husband and her son during World War II.
8. Margot Reuter [redacted] member of the Bundesvorstand of the DFD 25X1 since 1949; member of the Secretariat since 1952; in 1954 was a member of the National Council of the National Front. She is married to Karl-Ernst Reuter of the Central Committee of the SED. She came from the FDJ and was active in the "Junge Pioniere" Section of the FDJ Central Council until 1949. In early 1954, she was supposed to attend a one-year course at the [redacted] Hochschule). Nevertheless, she was refused because of her [redacted] background.
9. Elli Bergner [redacted] comes from proletarian circles; her father still 25X1 works as a mason. She is single, living with her parents in the Stalinallee. She was formerly a laborer herself, but has been a member of the DFD since its founding and a member of the Secretariat since 1951. She had worked in the department which she now heads before 1951. She is also a member of the BFDGLeitung.
10. Lucie Eggebrecht: [redacted] she comes from proletarian circles and 25X1 considered to the sharpest member politically of the Bundessekretariat. She is married, and has two children of her own, besides three adopted children. Her husband is a department chief in the Reichsbahn.
11. Hilde Naumann: [redacted] the Bundessekretarin for Culture until 25X1 June 1954. She had worked in this capacity since the fall of 1953. Prior to that, she had been active in the Bezirk organization in Dresden, to which office she has returned. 25X1
12. Doris Roth: [redacted] successor to Naumann. From 1949 to 1951 she was 25X1 a department head in the Landesvorstand Sachsen (DFD). Subsequent to that, she studied sociology in Leipzig, graduating in 1954.
13. Dora Pape: [redacted] comes from very simple circles; certainly has no 25X1 professional training; member of the DFD since its founding. From 1959 she was active in main office work in the DFD in Sachsen. After the administrative reform, she became First Secretary of the DFD in Bezirk Karl-Marx-Stadt. She has been a member of the Secretariat since 1953. [redacted]

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14. Erna Schaefer: Member of the CDU (~~Christlich~~-Demokratische Union) [redacted] 25X1
[redacted] She has been a member of the DFD and of the Bundesvorstand since 1948; 25X1
was head of the Labor and Health Affairs Department until 1952. She has been
the German Secretary of the IDFF since 1953. [redacted] 25X1
15. Hilde Schwarz; [redacted] has been a member of the DFD since its founding, 25X1
and active since 1949 in various DFD functions. In 1953 she replaced Ilse
Thiele as First Secretary of the Bezirk organization in Berlin.
16. Ursula Wohlenberg; [redacted] trained kindergarten teacher; Communist before 25X1
1933; however she did no illegal organizing during the Nazi period. Formerly
she was in close relationship with Kuckhoff (fnu) who at that time was a
dramatist with the Schiffbauerdammtheater and afterwards head of the Theaterwissen-
~~schaftliches Institut in Weimar~~. Wohlenberg is not married, but has a child
fathered by Kuckhoff. After 1945 she was active in Halle, her last position
being that of head of the Agitation Department of the SED Landesleitung in
Halle. In 1952 she became deputy editor-in-chief and in early 1953 was offici-
ally made editor-in-chief of the publication Frau von Heute.
17. Lucie Lowag (or Lowak): Her husband formerly worked as the deputy editor-in-
chief of the Tribüne.
18. Marianne Scholz (née Gross) [redacted] She has been in the 25X1
Haus der Frau since at least 1951; [redacted] during the Nazi 25X1
period was a leader in the BDM (Bund Deutscher Maedel). Her husband is a
Vopo officer.
19. Edith Liebig; [redacted] listed in the Volkskammerliste of 1950 25X1
as "Neubauerin".
20. Milli Boehlke; [redacted] KPD member before 1933; emigrant from the 25X1
USSR; her children are allegedly living in the USSR.
21. Erna (?) Uschmann; [redacted] attended a one-year course at the Party 25X1
Academy (Parteihochschule) in 1953. She has been in the Haus der Frau since
at least 1951, first as an instructor and later as a department head.
22. Irene Krowasik: Formerly head of the Press and Radio Department; at present
in the All-German Committee (Ausschusse-?) or some other institution which
is concerned with work with the West (Westarbeit).
23. Erna Kran-Ijerse; [redacted] has been in the Haus der Frau since 25X1
at least 1949.
24. In the Central Office of the DFD are a Party Secretary of the SED and, to all
appearances, a representative of the SSD.
- [redacted] Comment. Ilse Thiele was elected to the Central Committee of the 25X1
SED at the Fourth Party Congress on 6 April 1954.

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